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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06502.0289-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Germano CARONNI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2135
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Application No.: 09/457,914) Examiner: Ha, Leynna A.
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Filed: December 10, 1999)
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
ENABLING SCALABLE)
SECURITY IN A VIRTUAL)
PRIVATE NETWORK)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2004, the period for response extending to December 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this Amendment include the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 23, 2004 (with form PTO-1449).